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A Gift from Our Garden

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| Botanical Name | Holmskiolia sanguinea |
| Common Name | Red Mandarin Hat |
| Mature Size | 8 to 10 ft. |
| Bloom Color | Bright Red |
| Bloom Period | Late Summer to Fall |
| Bloom Form | Unique Hat Shape |
| Water | Moderate |
| Light | Full Sun to Light Shade |
| Fragrance | None |
| Uses | Trellis, Fence, Arbor |
| Special Features | Unique Bloom |
| USDA Hardiness | 9, 10, 11 |



If you long for the look of *Bougainvilleas* but can't deal with the thorns or don't have adequate light, then this is a good alternative. The growth habit of the **Mandarin Hat** is very similar to *Bougainvillea*, but there are no thorns and it will bloom in areas that are too shaded for *Bougainvillea*.

Mandarin Hat is a stunning and unusual semi-tropical plant that is native to tropical and semi tropical Asia, and a must have for those who want something a little different. It is not a true vine, as it does not put out tendrils that will wrap and climb a support. Instead its growth habit is very loose, open and vine-like in that it puts out very long streaming branches that can be tied and trained to trellises or other supports. The flower (well, actually it is a leaf like structure called a *bract*) is a bright scarlet blood red. The botanical name *sanguinea* is from the Latin word for blood. The flowers (bracts) are tightly clustered along the branch and resembles upside down Chinese hats or cups in saucers. It will bloom several times yearly with the heaviest bloom appearing in the late spring and fall. There are cultivars in other colors of this plant, including an orange and yellow. However, in my opinion, this blood red cultivar is the best. The red is definitely most sought after, and hardest to find.

Mandarin Hat is very attractive along a fence or wall where it can cascade over and provide a nice splash of bright color from either view. It is easy to grow, is vigorous and establishes quickly.

Find a larger starter size **Red Mandarin Hat** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug! https://www.emeraldgoddessgardens.com/shop/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=38&products_id=353

For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

Please accept this gift from our garden:

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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Care of your starter plug:

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.

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